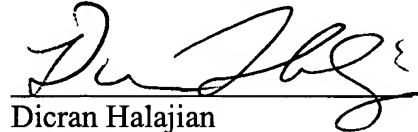


**REMARKS**

In view of this amendment, Claims 1-3, 7-12, and 14-27 are pending in this application. Claims 4-6 and 13 are cancelled herein.

The Claims are amended herein in view of the foreign Patent Office search report, submitted to the USPTO on 19 May 2003.

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